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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS,
OF THE
TOWN OF WHATELY,
FOR THE
YEAR 1895.

NORTHAMPTON, MASS.:
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Whately Town Warrant.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

FRANKLIN, SS.

To James Arthur Wood, Constable of the Town of Whately,

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Whately, on Monday, the second day of March, next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2.—To choose all necessary town officers—Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Assessors, School Committee, Auditor, Cemetery Commissioner, Library Trustee, one Elector under the Will of Oliver Smith, all to be voted for on one ballot. The ballot for the ladies will contain the name for School Committee only.

ART. 3.—To vote by ballot “Yes” or “No” upon the question “Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town.

ART. 4.—To receive and act upon reports of all Officers, Committees, Commissioners, Trustees of the Town.

ART. 5.—To see if the Town will raise money to pay its loans.

ART. 6.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the coming year, and appropriate the same.

ART. 7.—To act upon the list of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. 8.—To see what the Town will do with the money received from the County, called the Dog Fund.

ART. 9.—To see if the Town will make an appropriation for the Public Library.

ART. 10.—To see if the Town will employ a Superintendent of Schools, and raise money for his salary.

ART. 11.—To see if the Town will raise five per cent. or any fixed per cent. on amount of Town Grant, State and County Taxes, the same to be allowed to those who pay their taxes on or before August 1st, 1896.

ART. 12.—To see if the Town will raise, or instruct its officers to borrow money, for repairs, either special or general, on cemeteries, roads, bridges, or buildings, or instruct its officers, committees, commissioners or trustees, in any matters of claims or suits, or transact any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

ART. 13.—To see what action the Town will take in regard to the care of the Town Hall.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies at each of the Post Offices in said town, said posting to be at least seven days before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred ninety-six.

SETH B. CRAFTS,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
DAVID ASHCRAFT,	
VICTOR D. BARDWELL,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Whately.</i>

Town Clerk's Report.

The vital statistics of the town of Whately for the year 1895, are as follows :

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN WHATELY 1895.

Date.	Name.	Parents.
Jan. 27.		George Merritt and Mary——
Feb. 2.	Mary.	Fred and Robertine Lesson.
Mch. 23.	Dorothy.	John and Emma Ferrell Pease.
Apr. 27.	John.	Patrick and Hannah Prince Toomey.
May 10.	Mildred White.	Lennie and Minnie White Sanderson.
" 17.	Harry Allen.	Allen P. and Mary Atkinson Crafts.
June 20.		John and Mary Smith.
Aug. 25.	Champion.	Cooley B., and Myra Howes Dickinson.
Sept. 7.	Howard L.	Joseph and Delpha Miller Asher.
Oct. 14.	Lucy Helen.	Patrick J. and Mary F. Slattery.
" 27.	Frederick Biers.	Frank and Jennie J. Sanderson.
" 30.	Ora.	Henry and Ora Kenster.
Nov. 7.	John Andrew.	Julia Hazletine.
" 23,	Harvey Elmer.	John and Louisa Johnson Moore.

Comparison table of births for the last five years :

1891	1892	1893	1894	1895
11	17	9	19	14

MARRIAGES REGISTERED.

Jan. 31, Edward N. Dickinson of Hatfield, 32, and Elvira McKewen of Whately, 22, by Rev. John W. Lane.

Mch. 30, Franklin D. Belden of Whately, 46, and Helen Mary Belden of Whately, 38, by Rev. Geo. L. Dickinson.

Apr. 30, Thomas Brennan of Whately, 21, and Lucy Cadigan of Deerfield, 24, by Rev. M. E. Purcell.

May 1, James L. McGrath of Hadley, 28, and Nano E. Powers of Whately, 23, by Rev. P. H. Gallen.

Oct. 19, John A. O'Neal of Brattleboro, Vt., 28, and Maud F. Elmer of Whately, 23, by Rev. R. S. J. Burke.

Nov. 17, John Heafey of Whately, 24, and Emma Cadigan of Deerfield, 26, by Rev. R. S. J. Burke.

Number of certificates of marriage issued from this office from Jan. 1, 1895 to Dec. 31, 1895, 6.

Comparison table of marriages for the last five years :

1891	1892	1893	1894	1895
11	5	14	8	6

DEATHS REGISTERED.

Date.	Name.	Age.	Disease.
Jan. 12.	Forrest Adkins,	1 mo.	Bronchitis.
Feb. 8.	Kate C. Hall,	32 yrs.	Consumption.
" 10.	Leon Clark,	2 mos.	Bronchitis.
Mch. 1.	Alpheus A. Adams,	62 yrs.	Apoplexy.
" 6.	Eliphas H. Woods,	85 "	Pneumonia.
" 8.	John U. Beers,	66 "	Pneumonia.
" 8.	Ambrose Scott,	66 "	Pneumonia.
Apr. 1.	Amelia M. Crafts,	76 "	La Grippe.
" 1.	Patrick Crotty,	73 "	Asthma.
May 27.	Ida M. Chapin,	6 mos.	Bronchitis.
June 12.	Alice Shea,	29 yrs.	Cancer.
" 20.	Ralph E. Crafts,	83 "	Oystitis, Bright's disease
" 22.	Electa B. Bartlett,	74 "	Cerebral Hemorrhage.
July 21.	Oscar W. Grant,	60 "	Heart failure.
Aug. 5.	Christopher Blunkard	14 "	Consumption.
Nov. 2.	Lucius Graves,	89 "	Cancer.

Comparison table of deaths for the last five years :

1891	1892	1893	1894	1895
13	16	18	15	16

If any mistakes have been made in the above lists, either in names or dates, if those interested will inform the Town Clerk of the facts, the records will be corrected.

DOGS.

The number of dogs licensed during the year ending Nov. 30, 1895, with the receipts and settlement of the account with the County Treasurer is as follows :

43 male dogs at \$2.00,	\$86 00	
2 female dogs at \$5.00,	10 00	\$96 00
Less fees 45 dogs at 20 cents,		9 00
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Balance,		\$87 00
Paid E. A. Newcomb, County Treasurer,		\$87 00

Comparison table for the last five years :

1891	1892	1893	1894	1895
\$111 00	\$94 20	\$118 60	\$100 20	\$87 00

There have been recorded in the Town Clerk's office from January 1, 1895 to Dec. 31, 1895, twenty-two mortgages and bills of sale of personal property. There has been recorded one married woman's certificate.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. ELDER, Town Clerk.

Collector's Report.

JAMES ARTHUR WOOD in acct. with the Town of Whately.

Dr.

To Uncollected Taxes of 1894,	\$530 97
Town Grant,	5,301 00
State Tax,	285 00
Discount,	312 06
County Tax,	655 17
Overlayings,	232 39
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	\$7,316 59

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By amount paid M. Howes, Treasurer,	\$6,141 50
Discount on Taxes,	177 51
Abatements,	2 55
Uncollected Taxes,	995 03
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	\$7,316 59

LIST OF JURORS PREPARED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Dexter Hager,	Franklin Belden,
Henry S. Higgins,	Rufus M. Swift,
John M. Crafts,	Cooley B. Dickinson,
Geo. F. Pease,	Chas. E. Bardwell,
Frank E. Sanderson,	Orson Morton, Jr.,
Frank Dickinson,	Geo. B. McClellan,
Chas. H. Waite,	David Wells,
Peter Donovan,	E. W. Bardwell.

Treasurer's Report.

MICAJAH HOWES, TREASURER, in acct. with the Town
of Whately.

Dr.

To cash from M. Howes, ex-Treas.,	\$1,591 42
J. Arthur Wood, Collector,	6,321 56
H. S. Higgins, Collector 1893,	8 88
S. B. Crafts, damages from N. Y., N.	
H. & H. R. R.,	125 00
L. F. Crafts, cemetery lots,	49 00
" " rent of Hall, etc.,	5 50
E. P. Shaw, lunatic paupers,	85 73
Smith College, temporary loan,	600 00
Hamp. Co. Nat. Bank, temp. loan,	2,000 00
Parker D. Martin, criminal cases,	28 26
L. A. Crafts, C. E. Jewett's pension,	67 00
C. H. Waite, town's share Supt's salary,	62 50
E. P. Shaw, Corporation Tax,	2 40
" " National Bank Tax,	857 94
" " State Aid,	331 84
E. A. Newcomb, Dog Fund,	57 55
Income of Mass. School Fund,	469 20
J. B. Bridges,	8 67
C. H. Waite, books sold,	85
Seth B. Crafts, burial ex. of Geo. Cook,	21 44
	————— \$12,694 74

Cr.

By Outstanding Orders,	\$843 04
Old Bills,	160 24
Poor,	718 65
Contingent,	701 71
Schools,	1,244 17
“ Supplies,	143 79
“ Superintendent,	92 54
Bridges,	261 80
Cemetery,	127 12
State Aid,	275 50
School Repairs,	114 76
Highways,	556 70
“ Special,	227 56
Iron Bridges,	725 03
Library,	121 72
Road Damages,	1,377 45
Soldiers' Relief,	35 00
State Tax,	285 00
County Tax,	655 17
Town Debt,	1,524 06
Interest,	3 91
Discount,	177 51
Abatements,	2 55
Assessors,	106 25
Ballot Clerks,	4 00
Tax Collector,	97 00
Auditor,	2 50
Treasurer,	40 00
Election Officers,	45 00
Selectmen,	205 00
Balance,	1,820 01
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WHATELY, MASS., Feb. 20, 1896.

We have this day settled with the above-named M. Howes, Treasurer of the Town of Whately, and find in his hands and due the Town the sum of Eighteen Hundred Twenty and $\frac{01}{100}$ Dollars (\$1,820.01).

SETH B. CRAFTS,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
DAVID ASHCRAFT,	
VICTOR D. BARDWELL,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Whately.</i>

LYMAN A. CRAFTS, *Auditor.*

Selectmen's Report.

The Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor having attended to their duties as defined by the Statutes, and in accordance with the instructions of the town, respectfully submit the following report, with the hope that you may find little to criticise and nothing to condemn.

The year now closing has been to the inhabitants of Whately one of general depreciation, and we have endeavored to study the strictest economy in matters of public expenditure. We were getting on nicely with a moderate expenditure in every department of town affairs, and there was a lively promise of closing the books for the year with every note paid, but on the 27th of November misfortune overtook us, necessitating a large outlay for road damages, so that we now have two notes—Hampshire Savings Bank representing \$2,000, one Smith College of \$600. There was a note which matured last July amounting to \$1,527.91 at the State Treasury. There was \$500 raised to pay on it at the meeting last March, but it must be paid in full when due. A bridge at West Whately showed an unexpected weakness and was replaced with an iron one. Paid R. F. Hawkins \$360 for bridge at depot ; laying over abutments, putting bridge in position, filling in, putting up railings cost \$400.53 ; total \$760.53. We have, in accordance with instructions from the town, bought of the Wrought Iron Bridge Co. of Canton, Ohio, three bridges, 53, 40 and 33 feet respectively, plate girders, for \$1,100. It will be necessary to make some arrangements for paying for bridges, also for putting in abutments, at the annual meeting. The auditor having passed upon the report, we submit it to your consideration.

CONTINGENT.

Fred L. Graves, repairs on road scraper,	\$1 90
Gazette Printing Co.,	56 00
Sam. D. Conant, counsel fees R. R. fire damage case,	10 00
Victor D. Bardwell, book "Duties of Town Officers,"	3 50
C. H. Pierce, insurance on Town Hall,	3 00
Geo. W. Moore, putting in foundation for safe under Town Hall,	2 00
Seth B. Crafts, putting in foundation for safe under Town Hall,	2 00
Cecil T. Bagnal, printing tax lists,	5 50
Elisha Grover, wood for Town Hall and Library,	21 44
Seth B. Crafts, plow and scraper repairs \$6.85, ex- press \$1.95,	8 80
Chas. H. Waite, tax-book, express, postage,	1 75
John Elder, shingling storehouse,	6 75
L. F. Graves, services as Elector Smith Charities,	10 00
S. White Allis, gravel for hardening,	5 00
Sheldon & Newcomb, tools,	2 00
Irving Allis, services as Inspector of Cattle,	22 00
Fred L. Graves, repairs on scraper plow and chain,	4 00
J. Arthur Wood, taxes on town land,	2 81
Arthur Beers, survey and sketch of road,	3 00
Chas. S. Sanderson, railing poles and putting up,	2 00
M. Howes, telephone expense,	24 60
" " chimneys, oil for Hall and Library,	3 48
" " paper and supplies for Assessors,	60
" " nails for shingling storehouse,	1 29
Frank Bardwell, freight on bound stones,	1 24
Willis F. Waite, cutting and drawing railing poles,	2 40
H. E. Nash, " " " " " "	4 80
Chas. E. Bardwell, repairs on plow,	2 00
Willis F. Waite, " " scraper,	1 50
Arthur Beers, running town lines,	1 75
John Frawley, bound stone for marking town line,	6 00
Victor D. Bardwell, perambulating town lines,	7 50

Seth B. Crafts, perambulating town lines \$7.50, surveying and drawing stone \$2.50,	\$10 00
Geo. W. Moore, repairs on derrick,	4 50
Irving Allis, services as Inspector of Cattle,	10 00
L. F. Crafts, reporting deaths for 1895,	4 00
Henry W. Bardwell, moving tramp house,	2 00
M. Howes, oil and chimneys for Hall and Library,	6 32
Frank Sanderson, shingles for storehouse,	17 50
Sam. D. Conant, counsel fees in cases of Lucy B. Merritt and E. M. Roche,	50 00
Cooley B. Dickinson, drawing and putting up railings,	20 16
Geo. B. McClellan, " " " " "	7 87
Irving Allis, services as Inspector of Cattle,	27 00
Morris Powers, clay for hardening State Road,	3 00
Warren P. Crafts, support of water trough,	5 00
Lucius Meekins, ringing bell,	10 00
L. F. Crafts, setting glass Town Hall,	1 00
" " care of " "	10 00
Elisha Jenney, support of water trough,	3 00
Lincoln Sanderson,	5 00
George Sanderson,	4 00
Lyman A. Crafts,	8 00
Geo. A. Elder, recording and returning births, marriages and deaths,	10 10
Geo. A. Elder, going to Deerfield with transcript of votes,	3 00
" " " Justice fees \$2, express \$3.75, postage, blanks, and envelopes \$2.24,	7 99
Fred L. Graves, repairs on scraper, plow and chains,	2 40
M. Howes, telephone expenses,	23 90
Seth B. Crafts, cutting and drawing railings,	11 05
Arthur Beers, survey of road and bridge plans,	4 12
" " survey, plan and profile for State Road,	29 73
Willie J. Gould, work on survey for " "	4 00
Seth B. Crafts, " " " " " "	4 00
Lyman A. Crafts, surveying and going to Haydenville,	4 00
J. D. Seymour, M. D., reporting 13 births,	3 25
L. F. Crafts, cleaning weights and measures,	1 00

Seth B. Crafts, freight .84, scraper castings \$1.75, express \$1.62,	\$4 21
Victor D. Bardwell, time and expense in settlement at Haydenville with the victims of the bridge ac- cident,	21 00
Seth B. Crafts, time and expense at Haydenville, Holyoke, Easthampton, Springfield, Northamp- ton, in settlement with victims of the bridge ac- cident,	39 00
Seth B. Crafts, time and expense in suits of Roche and Merritt, witness fees, summoning witnesses, surveying for plans, etc.,	54 00
Seth B. Crafts, time and expense in railroad fire damage case, at New Haven, Westfield, and Greenfield,	15 00
Henry W. Bardwell, cutting railings,	1 09
Willis F. Waite, cutting, drawing, setting railings,	8 18
J. B. Bridges, fees in criminal case of James Powers,	\$8 67
J. B. Bridges fees in criminal case of Joseph Asher,	12 29
J. B. Bridges, fees in criminal case of John Norwood,	9 89
Gordon H. Johnson, fees in criminal case of Harry Sanderson,	31 28
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	\$62 13
	\$752 11

HIGHWAYS.

Frank E. Sanderson,	\$24 62
Ed. E. Sanderson,	4 88
Asa T. Sanderson,	4 37
Chas. E. Bardwell,	12 00
Arthur Jenney,	3 00
H. E. Nash,	3 00
Rufus Waite,	1 25
Ed. E. Sanderson,	1 25

James Nolan,	\$1 25
Henry Sharpe,	3 00
Hiram Graves,	2 50
J. E. Waite,	4 25
Victor D. Bardwell,	9 75
Patrick Dalton,	1 25
Henry Sharpe,	16 28
A. J. Coddington,	8 50
Chas. S. Sanderson,	7 50
Arthur Waite,	2 38
C. A. Graves,	2 50
Geo. Skiff,	3 75
H. E. Nash,	9 00
J. E. Waite,	10 90
Chas. E. Bardwell,	30 00
Willis F. Waite,	17 77
Henry W. Bardwell,	12 50
L. F. Graves,	6 37
Patrick Conley,	4 25
Thomas Flynn,	3 00
R. M. Swift,	1 25
Almeron Crafts,	1 25
Seth B. Crafts,	6 00
Warren P. Crafts,	15 32
David Ashcraft,	4 60
Patrick Brennan,	6 00
Chas. H. Waite,	17 52
Hiram Dickinson,	50
Seth B. Crafts,	47 12
Seth B. Crafts,	34 35
Irving Allis,	6 75
R. M. Swift,	2 75
Geo. B. McClellan,	6 74
Cooley B. Dickinson,	11 65
Arthur Beers,	63
C. R. Chaffee,	4 38
Lyman A. Crafts,	7 10

Willis F. Waite,	\$ 9 37
Arthur Waite,	2 50
Henry Sharpe,	3 63
H. E. Nash,	6 00
C. A. Graves,	2 50
A. J. Coddling,	7 75
Seth B. Crafts,	19 65
W. J. Gould,	3 12
Cooley B. Dickinson,	9 47
Geo. B. McClellan,	3 00
Chas. E. Bardwell,	9 00
Willis F. Waite,	8 52
A. J. Coddling,	3 75
John F. Moore,	7 25
H. E. Nash,	3 00
Geo. Skiff,	3 25
Patrick Morrissey,	3 40
David Ashcraft,	2 10
James Nolan,	3 25
Frank E. Sanderson,	5 00
Geo. P. Graves,	31 25
E. A. Warner,	2 76
Michael Handrahan,	1 25
Aaron Waite,	1 75
“ “	1 00
Chas. H. Waite,	1 25
C. R. Chaffee,	1 88
V. D. Bardwell,	5 86
Town of Sunderland, repairing, planking and snowing	
Sunderland bridge,	10 30
Warren P. Crafts,	7 00
Chas. Sanderson,	1 25
Seth B. Crafts,	45 23
Wm. Adkins,	40
V. D. Bardwell,	1 81
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	\$613 48

HIGHWAY SPECIAL.

HARDENING CLAVERACK ROAD.

Patrick Conley,	\$10 60
R. M. Swift,	11 62
Thomas Flynn,	11 00
Thomas Flemming,	8 50
John Halloran,	5 00
James Flavin,	6 00
Joseph Phelix,	1 25
Seth B. Crafts,	5 25
R. M. Swift,	3 00
Thomas Flemming	4 25
Thomas Flynn,	3 00
James Flavin,	1 25
Patrick Conley,	4 25
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	\$74 97

HARDENING ROAD NEAR COOLEY B. DICKINSON'S.

Cooley B. Dickinson,	\$24 00
Geo. B. McClellan,	15 18
Morris Nolan,	7 49
Patrick Conley,	4 50
Emerson C. Warner,	16 00
S. P. White,	12 75
Lincoln Sanderson,	8 55
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	\$88 47

HARDENING CLAVERACK ROAD.

Alfred S. Belden,	\$3 00
David Ashcraft,	4 50
Chas. Wing,	9 00
Quinn Bros.,	9 63
Morris Powers,	12 85
A. E. Waite,	3 75

A. E. Hawley,	\$3 75
Michael Handrahan,	3 75
John Blunkard,	6 00
Ed Guyett,	3 63
Dennis Hayes,	63
Frank Damon,	63
Patrick Brennan,	3 00
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	\$64 12
Total,	\$227 56

OLD BILLS.

P. H. Chew, order book,	\$6 50
Town of Sunderland, repairs on Sunderland bridge,	3 54
Hiram Bardwell, breaking roads,	8 50
Watson Bardwell,	1 05
Elisha L. Grover,	3 15
Arthur Jenney,	1 35
Emerson C. Warner,	15 72
James Bardwell,	1 50
J. E. Waite,	3 20
Victor D. Bardwell,	2 35
Fred Smith,	60
Lyman Sanderson,	37
Asa T. Sanderson,	60
James Nolan,	90
E. A. Warner,	75
Rufus D. Waite,	75
E. W. Bardwell,	1 27
Frank Sanderson,	4 00
A. J. Coddington,	45
Harry Sanderson,	1 40
Charles Sanderson,	1 35
Charles E. Bardwell,	1 65
Henry W. Bardwell,	10 40
A. J. Coddington,	1 13
Willis F. Waite,	3 15

J. E. Waite,	\$11 05
Henry Sharpe,	1 73
Henry Ashcraft, spike,	65
Charles Wing, breaking roads,	4 72
David Ashcraft, " "	3 10
A. E. Waite, " "	75
Chester Damon, " "	1 50
James Sullivan, " "	1 50
Morris Powers, " "	75
James Quinn, " "	3 25
George F. Pease, " "	1 50
John Blunkard, " "	3 25
A. S. Belden, " "	2 00
J. Arthur Wood, " "	6 00
George W. Skiff, " "	2 00
Arthur Waite, " "	2 40
Patrick Conley, " "	2 50
O. E. Morton, " "	4 05
Hiram Dickinson, " "	1 15
Seth B. Crafts,	27 13
Patrick Dalton, " "	2 50
James Masterson, " "	1 50
Dexter Hager, highway labor in 1894,	3 00
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	\$163 61

IRON BRIDGE.

Ed. E. Sanderson, work getting out stone,	\$10 00
Henry W. Bardwell, drawing stone,	9 00
Ed. E. Sanderson, work on bridge abutments,	60 12
Geo. P. Graves, " " " "	34 63
John F. Moore, drawing stone,	26 10
Geo. W. Skiff, work on bridge abutments,	18 13
Ed. E. Sanderson, " " " "	2 20
Henry Sharpe, drawing stone,	16 50
Geo. W. Moore, getting out stone and laying abutments,	72 62
Patrick Dalton, " " " " " "	19 82
Fred Smith, " " " " " "	1 25

Seth B. Crafts, work on abutments,	\$5 00
Victor D. Bardwell, " " "	9 25
H. E. Nash, drawing stone,	10 50
Henry W. Bardwell, " "	13 00
J. A. Sullivan, cement,	9 40
R. F. Hawkins, iron bridge,	360 00
H. L. Bates, sharpening drills,	1 50
Chas. E. Bardwell, drawing bridge and filling in,	9 30
Fred Smith, work on bridge,	1 13
Henry W. Bardwell, drawing bridge and putting on,	9 48
Victor D. Bardwell, work on bridge, repairs on tools,	6 70
Geo. P. Graves, work on bridge,	5 00
Henry W. Bardwell, hanging lantern,	3 75
Geo. W. Moore, work on bridge,	10 00
John F. Moore, " " " and moving derrick,	8 40
George P. Graves, filling at iron bridge,	4 25
Frank Sanderson, " " " "	4 25
Chas. E. Bardwell, " " " "	3 00
V. D. Bardwell, " " " "	1 25
Rufus D. Waite, stone for abutments,	10 00
Arthur Jenney, hanging lantern,	3 75
Asa T. Sanderson, filling in at iron bridge,	1 25
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	\$760 53

BRIDGES.

Elisha Grover, bridge plank,	\$39 31
" " " "	40 91
Willis F. Waite, work on culvert,	3 95
Henry W. Bardwell, " " "	2 13
C. E. Herrick, bridge bolts,	4 00
Frank Sanderson, bridge work,	6 62
Victor D. Bardwell, " "	1 25
Geo. P. Graves, " "	3 75
Seth B. Crafts, bridge plank,	18 35
" " " spike for bridges and railing,	1 78

Wells Dickinson, timber for Roaring Brook bridge,	\$7 60
E. G. Chapin, work on " " "	4 25
Dwight L. Crafts, " " " " "	3 75
Seth B. Crafts, work on culverts and Roaring Brook bridge,	8 19
Tho. Flemming, work on bridge cross road,	1 75
S. W. & A. B. Lee, Akron pipe,	5 95
Chas. Sanderson, timber for bridge,	10 00
Herbert Bates, bolts and repairs,	4 30
Frank Sanderson, bridge plank,	50 00
Seth B. Crafts, work on culvert Foote road \$5.75, culvert swamp 2.20,	7 95
Seth B. Crafts, getting out bridge plank and timber, piling up the same \$4, fixing culvert \$1.67, burying 4 horses \$2.50,	7 17
Fred Smith, sawing plank,	6 34
Seth B. Crafts, time and expense to Springfield in matter of bridges plans,	3 50
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	\$242 80

DAMAGE PAID ON ACCOUNT OF BRIDGE ACCIDENT.

M. Howes, clothing, shoes, underwear,	\$28 80
Frank Dickinson, clothing, underwear, injury to car-pets, bedding and furniture,	20 00
Seth B. Crafts, clothing, underwear, etc.,	6 50
J. M. King, lodgings and meals,	4 00
J. D. Seymour, M. D., medical attendance and examination,	8 00
Seth B. Crafts, funds used in settlement of claims,	1,318 15
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	\$1,385 45

I certify that I have examined the vouchers exhibited by the Selectmen relating to the settlement of damage cases resulting from the bridge disaster, and approve of the payments to the amount of \$1,385.45.

LYMAN A. CRAFTS, Auditor.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Salary of E. W. Goodhue, Supt. of Schools,	\$101 31
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SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND REPAIRS.

Orders have been drawn amounting to	\$1,891 64
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	\$1,992 95

For a statement of expenditures in detail see report
of School Committee.

STATE AID UNDER CHAP. 301, ACTS 1894.

Edward E. Sanderson,	\$54 00
Stephen G. Stearns,	48 00
Bela K. Crafts,	48 00
Luther M. Crafts,	72 00
Joseph L. Longley,	72 00
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	\$294 00

MILITARY AID CHAP. 279, ACTS 1894.

Chas. E. Jewett,	\$88 78
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POOR.

Albert W. Judd, at Northampton Lunatic Hospital,	\$169 46
Elihu Harvey, paid Calvin Knight for board,	156 41
“ “ J. D. Seymour, M. D., \$3 ; M. Howes,	
clothing, \$11.52,	14 52
Joseph L. Longley,	12 00
Edwin M. Belden, board at Harriet Bardwell's, \$64.50 ;	
Town of Granby, \$6.25,	70 75
Mrs. Alpha Waite, supplies furnished,	8 75
Henry W. Bardwell, keeping Tramps,	4 75
Mrs. Chas. E. Jewett, support of Jewett family,	200 26
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	\$636 90

ASSESSORS.

Chas. H. Waite,	\$41 25
Willis F. Waite,	32 50
M. J. Halloran,	32 50
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	\$106 25

TREASURER.

M. Howes,	\$40 00
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Chas. H. Waite,	\$25 00
Lizzie G. Knowlton,	25 00
Lyman S. Munson,	25 00
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	\$75 00

SELECTMEN.

David Ashcraft,	\$55 00
Seth B. Crafts,	100 00
Victor D. Bardwell,	50 00
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	\$205 00

AUDITOR.

Lyman A. Crafts,	\$2 50
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ELECTION OFFICERS.

Seth B. Crafts, Registrar,	\$15 00
Victor D. Bardwell “	15 00
David Ashcraft, “	15 00
Geo. A. Elder, “	15 00
Chas. H. Waite, Ballot Clerk,	2 00
Herbert E. Roote, “ “	2 00
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	\$64 00

TOWN DEBT.

E. P. Shaw, amount of Town note,	\$1,527 97
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COUNTY TAX.

Eugene A. Newcomb,	\$655 17
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STATE TAX.

E. P. Shaw,	\$285 00
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DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

J. Arthur Wood,	\$177 51
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ABATEMENTS.

Oscar Grant,	2 00	
Mary Dwyer,	55	
	—	\$2 55

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

L. F. Crafts, burial expenses of Oscar Grant,	\$35 00
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COLLECTOR.

J. Arthur Wood,	\$97 00
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RECAPITULATION OF ORDERS DRAWN 1895-96.

Highway Special :

Hardening Claverack road,	\$74 97	
“ road near C. B. Dickinson,	88 47	
“ Straits road,	64 12	
	—	\$227 56
Highway,		613 48
Bridges,		242 80
Contingent expense,		752 11
Old bills,		163 61
Poor,		636 90
Schools and School Superintendent,		1,992 95

Library,	\$136 72
Cemetery,	127 12
State Aid,	294 00
Military Aid,	87 75
Town debt and interest,	1,527 97
State tax,	285 00
County tax,	655 17
Discount on taxes,	177 51
Abatelements,	2 55
Soldiers' relief,	35 00
Registrars and ballot clerks,	64 00
Town officers,	525 75
Iron bridge,	760 53
Road damage,	1,385 45
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	\$10,693 93

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN, FEB. 15th, 1896.

Notes Hampshire Savings Bank,	\$2,000 00
“ Smith College,	600 00
Outstanding orders,	662 24
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	\$3,262 24

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Cash in Treasury,	\$1,820 01
Uncollected,	995 03
Town lands, 68½ acres,	300 00
Due from State, State Aid,	367 50
“ “ “ Military Aid,	44 39
“ “ “ Burial Oscar Grant,	35 00
“ “ “ High School tuition,	78 00
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	\$3,639 93

TOWN PROPERTY.

Town Hall,	\$4,000 00
Library and Court Decisions,	800 00
Safe and furniture in Hall and Library,	250 00

Road scraper, plow and tools,	\$25 00	
Derrick,	100 00	
Six School Houses,	1,800 00	
Store house,	50 00	
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SETH B. CRAFTS,)
 DAVID ASHCRAFT,)
 VICTOR D. BARDWELL,) *Selectmen*
) *of*
) *Whately.*

WHATELY, MASS., Feb. 24, 1896.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and Selectmen of Whately, that I find the same correct, and that there is in the hands of M. Howes, Treasurer and due the Town, One Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty and $\frac{1}{100}$ Dollars (\$1,820.01).

LYMAN A. CRAFTS, Auditor.

Library Report.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Appropriation,	\$135 00	
Fines,	1 72	
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Cash paid for books,	\$85 42	
“ “ re-binding books,	16 30	
“ “ Librarian's services,	35 00	
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We are pleased to report the continued prosperity and interest in the Library. Its patrons and the number of books taken have largely increased the past year.

We recommend an appropriation of \$135, for books, care of Library, etc.

P. M. WELLS,
H. S. HIGGINS,
COOLEY B. DICKINSON.

Report of Cemetery Commissioners for 1895.

There has been expended on North West Cemetery \$11.70.
Received from Betsey Waite estate \$7.45.

There has been expended on Centre Cemetery \$102.94. Received for lots, \$49.

There has been expended on East Cemetery \$12.48.

Our report shows that we have expended \$127.12. We have received from lots, etc., \$56.49. We would ask the town to raise \$75 for 1896.

F. E. SANDERSON,
L. F. CRAFTS,
DAVID ASHCRAFT.

The income of the gift of Miss Betsy Waite of \$100, deposited in the Easthampton Savings Bank has been expended as she directs in the care of her and her father's lots in the West Whately Cemetery.

Through the generosity of Mr. Alfred Belden \$125 has been left in trust in the Hampshire Savings Bank, the income of which is to be drawn every five years and expended for fertilizers to be applied on the East Cemetery.

Orders have been drawn amounting to \$127.12.

SETH B. CRAFTS,	}	<i>Selectmen of Whately.</i>
DAVID ASHCRAFT,		
VICTOR D. BARDWELL,		

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the inhabitants of Whately :

The School Committee respectfully submit the following report.

SCHOOLS.

The schools have made unusually good progress during the year. They have been less interrupted during the winter by sickness and severe storms. The winter term of the North Center was broken into by the sickness of the teacher, also the teacher of the North West School resigning made it necessary to employ a new teacher.

It will be seen, by comparing the table below with last year's table, that the total attendance has been less this year.

In certain portions of the town the regular attendance has been made better by the efforts of the Truant Officer, and if some of the parents realized the penalty for every five days' absence, of each scholar, we think the attendance would be still better.

The wood for the year has been purchased, but not paid for.

The total attendance has been as follows :

	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.
North East,	12	12	11
South East,	17	18	20
North Center,	24	22	21
South Center,	19	17	16
North West,	10	10	10
South West,	16	11	11
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Total,	98	90	89

Names of scholars not absent or tardy during the year.—Arlene Roote, Pearl Bates, and Alton Sanderson.

The schools will begin the spring term the first Monday in April.

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

A new floor has been laid in the South East building. The old seats have been taken out, and some of the best ones have been used to replace broken ones in the North West building. The South East has been supplied with part new seats, and the remainder with some that came out of the High School room, and are nearly new.

New slate blackboards have been put in the North Center room.

Numerous small repairs have been made.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

As nearly all our supplies are purchased direct from the publishers, we get them as cheap as possible.

HIGH SCHOOL.

As our town comes within the law that permits sending scholars to high schools out of town, approved by the State Board of Education, at the expense of the state, we have sent some to Northampton High School and some to Deerfield Academy,

the past two terms. The former has been accepted by the State Board, but the latter has not been acted upon, and it remains to be seen whether we can continue sending scholars there.

SUPERINTENDENT.

Mr. E. W. Goodhue has been retained as Superintendent in the district the past year. The good condition of the schools show the results of his labor with us.

We recommend the following appropriations for the coming year.

Schools,	\$1,300 00
School Supplies,	150 00
School House Repairs,	150 00
Salary of Superintendent,	125 00

CHAS. H. WAITE,	} School Committee of Whately.
LYMAN S. MUNSON,	
LIZZIE G. KNOWLTON,	

RECEIPTS.

Town appropriation for Schools,	\$1,500 00
“ “ Repairs,	100 00
“ “ Books and Supplies,	150 00
“ “ Supt. Salary,	125 00
Income of State School Fund,	469 20
“ “ Superintendency,	62 50
School Books sold,	85
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	\$2,407 55

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for Teachers,	\$1,398 75
Care of School Houses,	36 50
Repairs and labor,	134 38
Books and supplies,	160 52
Superintendent's salary,	101 31

High school tuitions,	78 00
Miscellaneous,	82 74
Unexpended,	415 35
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	\$2,407 55

OUTSTANDING BILLS,

15 cords wood,	\$57 53
High school tuitions,	18 00

PAID FOR TEACHERS.

North Center School, Miss Lois Lyman, teaching 31 weeks at \$7.00,	217 00
Edith M. Waterman, teaching 2 weeks at 7.00,	14 00
South Center School, Mrs. H. K. White, teaching 33 weeks at 7.00,	231 00
North East School, Miss Nellie Brown, teaching 10 weeks at 6.75,	67 50
Miss M. S. Johnson, teaching 11 weeks at 6.75,	74 25
Bessie V. Watson, " 12 " "	81 00
South East School, F. Everett Perkins, teaching 10 weeks at 7.00,	70 00
Walter L. Putnam, teaching 10 weeks at 8.00,	80 00
" " " 12 " 8.50,	102 00
North West School, Edith M. Waterman, teaching 25 weeks at 7.00,	175 00
Mary Bradford, teaching 8 weeks at 7.00,	56 00
South West School, Mary F. Fowler, teaching 33 weeks at 7.00	231 00
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	\$1,398 75

CARE OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

North Center School :	
Montville Crafts, janitor,	\$5 50
Mrs. E. D. Elmer, cleaning,	1 50
Mrs. Dwight Crafts, "	1 50

South Center School :	
Mrs. White, paid janitors,	\$3 00
John Flavin, janitor,	2 50
Mrs. E. D. Elmer, cleaning,	1 50
North East School :	
Pattie Toomey, janitor,	75
Bessie V. Watson,	2 50
South East School :	
Walter L. Putnam, janitor,	4 00
Susan Hayes, cleaning,	75
North West School :	
Wilbur Grover, janitor,	5 00
Mrs. H. E. Nash, cleaning,	7 50
South West School :	
Fred and Fay Bardwell, janitors,	5 00
Mrs. H. E. Nash, cleaning,	1 50
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	\$36 50

REPAIRS AND LABOR.

O. D. Case, seats and desks,	\$35 30
Montville Crafts, labor,	50
E. P. Hall & Co., 700 feet floor boards,	25 90
C. R. Chaffee, setting glass,	25
O. D. Case & Co., slate blackboards for North Center School,	9 38
Albert Clapp, mason work,	3 50
J. Austin Elder, papering North Center room,	2 00
J. Nelson Wing, putting in slate blackboards,	3 50
C. R. Chaffee, steps for South Center School House,	2 50
Chas. H. Waite, cash paid for lock and keys,	55
Leander F. Crafts, labor, glass, putty and paint,	5 15
L. S. Munson, labor,	2 00
E. C. Sanderson, material, and laying foundation, North West School House,	3 50
Edward Smith, repairs on desks,	75
Frank Sanderson, repairs on closets,	2 00

Lizzie G. Knowlton, cash paid for sundries,	\$3 08
Nelson Wing, labor on South East School House,	26 00
Aaron Waite, repairing foundation and roof South East School House,	1 50
O. D. Case, ink wells,	85
Lizzie G. Knowlton, cash paid for hooks and wire,	20
J. L. Longley, repairing windows,	65
L. G. Knowlton, cash paid door, glass and labor,	5 32
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	\$134 38

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

American Book Co.,	\$62 64
University Publishing Co.,	2 56
Leach, Sherwell & Sanborn,	13 65
J. L. Hammett,	4 88
Smith & White,	11 93
F. D. Boyden,	1 05
E. W. Goodhue,	18 64
M. Howes, and Son,	4 33
D. C. Heath & Co.,	8 20
Milton Bradley Co.,	68
Potter & Putnam,	4 80
Arthur Hinds & Co.,	3 68
Educational Publishing Co.,	34
Geo. F. King & Merrill,	2 65
Ginn & Co.,	2 10
E. L. Kellogg & Co.,	54
Chas. H. Waite,	1 25
Silver Burdett & Co.,	7 60
Myron Crafts,	2 25
L. S. Munson,	5 10
L. G. Knowlton,	1 65
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	\$160 52

MISCELLANEOUS.

Chas. H. Waite, postage and express,	\$10 95
R. E. Edwards, chairs,	2 25
C. N. Fitts, “	3 00
Leander F. Crafts, services as truant officer,	5 00
L. G. Knowlton, express, freight, and cartage,	2 01
C. J. Smith, 2 cords wood,	10 00
Frank Sanderson, 1 cord wood,	5 00
C. A. Coville, $\frac{1}{2}$ cord slab “	1 50
Henry W. Bardwell, 3 cords wood,	11 58
Town of Deerfield, tuition,	25 00
Chas. H. Waite, care of school books,	5 00
J. A. Wood, cartage,	1 45
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	\$82 74

SUPERINTENDENT.

E. W. Goodhue, month of March, 1895,	\$10 65
“ “ “ “ April, “	10 65
“ “ “ “ May, “	10 65
“ “ “ “ June, “	13 14
“ “ “ “ Sept., “	9 37
“ “ “ “ Oct., “	9 37
“ “ “ “ Nov., “	9 37
“ “ “ “ Dec., “	9 37
“ “ “ “ Jan., 1896,	9 37
“ “ “ “ Feb., “	9 37
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	\$101 31

HIGH SCHOOL TUITIONS.

Tuition of Mary Collins at Deerfield Academy,	\$6 00
“ “ Richard Callahan “ “	6 00
“ “ Myron Hager “ “	6 00
“ “ Fred Bardwell at Northampton High School,	30 00
“ “ Clifford Crafts, “ “ “	30 00
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	\$78 00

Superintendent's Report.

To the School Committee of Whately:

GENTLEMEN :—The annual report of the Superintendent of Schools is herewith presented for your consideration.

There has been no material change in the conduct or condition of the schools of the district during the past year. A continued effort to establish fully the line of work already laid out has been made rather than to attempt many changes. The uniformity of progress and sustained interest of the pupils have been most gratifying. While the adverse conditions mentioned in the last report still remain in considerable measure, yet there is a commendable desire on the part of school officers and citizens to overcome them, and some progress has been made. In the town of Sunderland these are reduced to the minimum.

All the scholars in the town are accommodated in one building, there has been no change in the corps of teachers, and the attendance has been good. The greatest interruption to connected and satisfactory results in the schools of the district has been caused by unavoidable change of instructors and irregularity of attendance. It has been found expedient to shorten, temporarily, the time usually devoted to drawing, nature study, etc., but it is hoped that the course may be resumed shortly. In many schools there is evidence of an increased desire for a broader knowledge than that gained from text-books alone, so we find a corresponding increase in the demand for cyclopedias and other works of reference. This is very encouraging and

such works should be supplied to all schools just as far as possible.

A pleasing indication of increased confidence in the methods of instruction employed and the general management is the decrease of adverse criticism, and the kind mention of the schools so often made.

WHAATELY SCHOOLS.

It may be truthfully said that the schools of the town have been more profitable and successful than last year. Some gratifying improvement in attendance has been made and no serious difficulty has occurred.

The following table contains the usual statistics :

SCHOOLS.	No. of Weeks.	No. Boys Enrolled.	No. Girls Enrolled.	No. of Scholars Registered.	Attendance in Days.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.	No. Tardy Marks	No. of Days lost by Tardiness and Dismissal.	No. of Visitors.	No. not absent.
North West.....	33	5	4	10	1551.	9.75	9.27	95.08	6	1.07	43	1
South West.....	33	8	8	16	1798.	11.78	11.04	93.72	49	7.10	45	
North Center.....	33	9	16	25	3274.	21.28	20.19	94.78	25	2.67	50	2
South Center.....	33	13	10	24	2335.5	15.63	14.15	90.53	16	22.08	21	
North East.....	33	7	6	14	1446.	10.56	8.47	80.30	133	16.87	26	
South East.....	32	16	5	22	1920.5	16.82	14.40	85.61	46	21.17	66	
Totals.....		58	49	111	12325.				275	70.96	251	3

NORTH CENTRE SCHOOL.

This school has maintained its good attendance and manifested much interest in its work. There has been but one serious interruption, which was occasioned by the sickness of the teacher, and as the Committee were able to secure the services of an experienced teacher to supply the vacancy, no great amount of harm was done. The pleasant, cheerful disposition manifested by the pupils is a valuable recommend for the influence exerted by the teacher. The pleasing entertainment given by the scholars at the close of the spring term was well attended and the proceeds admitted of the purchase of a fine teacher's desk and other articles.

SOUTH CENTRE SCHOOL.

The former excellency of this school has been fully maintained, and but few rural schools are so fortunate as to enjoy such good teaching for so long a time. All the classes have done well, and the primary grades are worthy of special mention. While the work has been somewhat interrupted by absences and dismissals, it is evident that both parents and pupils appreciate the school, and make a considerable effort to keep the attendance good.

NORTH WEST SCHOOL.

The attendance here has not been large but very regular. In deportment and studiousness the school ranks high, and has enjoyed a profitable year with good instruction. The influence of the teacher upon the school has been excellent.

It was with much regret that the resignation of the teacher was received at the close of the second term, but the services of an experienced and competent teacher were secured and the scholars have made little break in their progress.

SOUTH WEST SCHOOL.

With good instruction, and considerable interest on the part of the pupils, the majority has made good advancement and evidently appreciated the advantages offered.

The attendance, however, is not as good as it should be, although the difficulty rests with a few. It seems that there is need of a somewhat sharper application of legal remedies.

The last term was somewhat broken by sickness of the children, but the work has been kept well up to the course.

SOUTH EAST SCHOOL.

It is with the greatest pleasure that your Superintendent is able to say that in his opinion, there has been a good school here throughout the year. Attendance has greatly improved,

increased interest has been manifested and the deportment of the pupils seemed excellent.

No attempt has been made to conform the school strictly to the system, but officers and teachers have tried to give such instruction as would be most useful under the circumstances.

The condition of this school throughout the year has served to emphasize the truth of the saying, "Like teacher, like school." The instructors have commanded the respect and prompt obedience of the pupils from the first, and have accomplished more than for many previous terms.

NORTH EAST SCHOOL.

This school is undoubtedly the least profitable of any in town. Pupils have persistently refused to attend regularly and, seemingly, with the consent of the parents. The constant change of teachers has greatly limited the amount of work possible. The classes are badly broken, and it is almost impossible to ascertain just where a scholar should be placed in the course. There are a few of the children who have attended regularly, and faithfully endeavored to perform their duties. Unless the attendance and scholarship be improved soon, it is recommended that the school be closed and the pupils taken to some other.

It is evident from the foregoing statements that Wheatly has had a very profitable and satisfactory year of schooling. While it is not intended to convey the impression that the schools are perfect, it may truthfully be said that few rural towns have secured so many good teachers and enjoyed so good instructions. The generous appropriations of the town have been well expended.

The improvements made in the South East school-room have added greatly to its appearance and comfort.

The new seats and desks are an incentive to work, and serve to increase the respect of the scholar for public property, his school and himself. It is recommended that the other houses needing them be furnished as soon as practicable. Also that more slate-boards be placed in the houses of the town, and that

new outbuildings be constructed for the North West house. The necessity of a central graded school is as evident as ever, and it is sincerely hoped the town may soon establish the same.

The cordial support and assistance of the Committee, and the kindness and interest of the citizens as important factors in the success of his work, is fully recognized by your Superintendent and he heartily thanks you for them.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. GOODHUE, Superintendent.

